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2019 Summer Newsletter



News and Upcoming Events



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

It's the "*Year of the Meadow*" at Hilltop Arboretum! After years of planning our dream for having a Cajun prairie inspired meadow, it is being realized. Insects are buzzing! Butterflies are flying! Birds are nesting! It's still in its infancy, and we are all learning a lot about how to create and manage a meadow. Dr. Charles Allen, one of the foremost experts on Cajun prairies in the state, has been guiding us. He says it will take ten years for our plantings to reach maturity. Sounds like we're going to need a lot of donor and volunteer support! Our first seeding earlier this year was very successful.

The number of annuals and perennials is amazing! Controlling invasive plants is also an interesting challenge, but, thankfully, it has not been a serious problem. Seeding for native bog plants also has been done in the swales on the perimeter of the meadows, as an ongoing project. Planting the amphitheater with different varieties of grasses is in progress as well. Dr. Allen has recommendations for that, also.

While the meadows have been growing in, many other things have been happening at Hilltop! Mowed grass paths stretch through the meadows and now connect to our more established gravel paths. The paths in front of "The Emory Smith Wedding Oak" have been reworked and surrounding beds planted with ferns and other natives. It's a favorite spot for bridal pictures. That special oak is now registered with the The Live Oak Society.

Our perimeter tree planting at the back of the property is a tremendous success! 200 trees are growing in well and are already making a difference visually. They even have drip irrigation! Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this phase of the master plan possible. A grouping of live oaks and sourwood trees has also been planted south of the new bridge. Please thank Pete Newton for all the work he has done in all these areas. Thanks Pete!

2019 has truly been a year of growth at Hilltop. It's been gratifying to see the arboretum get back to its horticultural roots. These projects set the stage for the future of Hilltop and how we relate to people. The photographs taken by Linda Medine, as seen in "*Country Roads*" magazine, Aug. 2019, epitomize what we are about. A child running through our meadow of plains coreopsis and the wedding oak reaching for the sky speak to the future. All of this is made possible by the dedicated vision of our many volunteers and donors. But, we are not done yet! There is more to come! We need your ongoing support not only to maintain and enhance what we've planted, but also to prepare for the next phase of plantings in the master plan. Hilltop is an arboretum after all! The stuff of future letters! Thank you for your support of Hilltop!

*Chris Werner*





## 78 Tree Cheers

Thank you to 78 donors who generously contributed to our perimeter tree planting! We now have 200 new trees and micro-irrigation to keep them watered!

Albermarle Corporation, Anonymous, Linda and Brian Babin, Heather Belanger, Jan Bernard, Jeff Bernard, Kathleen Bogaski, Christina Bowersox, Mark Boyer, Claudia Brian, Leo Broders, Jr., Katherine Castle, Beverly and Dudley Coates, Cathy Coates, Peggy and Charles Coates, Ann Coco, Max Conrad, Debbie Corbo, Jan and Van Cox, Maradee and Curtis Cryer, Jeanne Davis and Bob Carney, Colette and Andy Dean, Michele Deshotels and Gill Gautreau, Bob Dillemoth, Dick Ehrlicher, Janet and Wayne Forbes, Joann and Charles Fryling, Virginia and Ross Gardner, June and John Gonce, Devera and Jerry Goss, Randy Harelson, Julia Hawkins, Jane Honeycutt, John Hough, Amy and Richard Hughes, Margaret Humble, LA Master Naturalists of Great BR, LeBlanc Jones Landscape Architects, Inc., Deb and Ken McMillin, Neil Odenwald, Allen Owings, Judith Patrick, Doug Reed, Terry Rehn, Kevin Risk, Teresa Rome, Alma Lee and H.N. Saurage, Denise Sehring, Nola and Bruce Sharky, Cheryl and Wayne Stromeyer, Pam and Gerry Sulzer, John Turner and Jerry Fischer, Denise Van Schoyck and Terry Tuminello, Margaret Vick, Sharon and Chris Werner, Martha Yancey.

## PlantFest! Teaser 2019

Featuring: Brian Sean Early  
 Sunday, Sept 29, 1-4pm  
 \$10 Members/\$15 Non-Members



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The annual pre-sale PlantFest TEASER will feature Brian Sean Early (pictured), who will talk about his “*Top 25 Native Plants*” that are underutilized in urban gardens. All participants will receive a copy of his native plant reference, *Louisiana Native Plant Resource Guide for Gardener’s and Landscapers*. The event will be held at the Arboretum’s Imo Brown Education Facility in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium, registration 12:30pm.

Brian Sean Early works for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) as a botanist for the Wildlife Diversity Program, where he is part of a team studying and working to preserve the remnants of Louisiana’s coastal prairie. Brian Sean also serves as a botanist for the Kitsatchie National Forest and maintains the native plant garden at LDWF.

To put the “tease” in this annual PlantFest! “pre-quel”, one of each of the plants presented will be eligible for purchase. We will host a drawing to determine who gets to purchase what. The rules of engagement are as follows:

- Only Teaser registrants may participate.
- They may put their name in up to six plant hats.
- They must be present to win their opportunity to purchase.

If this is not enough to set your horticultural barometer rising, the post-program “walk about” through the Hodge Podge Nursery and its field of plant dreams ought to do it! Scheduled 7 days prior to the “main event,” the Teaser will find the PlantFest! arena already set up with plants in their final nestling place and their infomercial signs installed.

What better occasion to start your plant list and check it twice, to determine which plants will be naughty or nice for your landscape, AND to guess-timate just how many wagons and co-conspirators you will need to achieve your gardening mission!



## Job Well Done!

Linda Medine captured the beauty of Hilltop in the photographs featured in the newsletter on page 2 and 3. Linda is a member of the Friends and the Louisiana Photographic Society.

### HOW TO REACH US



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## PLANTFEST 2019

Celebrating Our 36th Annual Sale!

Saturday, Oct 5, 9am-4pm, Exclusive Vendor Village Shopping at 8am

Sunday, Oct 6, 12-4pm

The 36th anniversary of our Fall plant sale celebrates three decades of masterfully collecting people and plants and bringing them together in the unique natural space that is the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. The sale will offer the largest selection of natives and adapted plants in one place, at one time in the Gulf South. Our Hodge Podge Plant Selection Committee has assembled a collection of plants that we know will thrive in your garden. Plant signs provide all the information you need to know to make the best selection of plants for your garden.

Brace yourself for a botanical “all you can tweet” plant feast ... trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ferns, fruits, gingers, camellias, incredible edibles, ornamental grasses, and more that run the gamut from native and traditional to eclectic and electric newcomers. To spice up the mix, plants are imported from a diversity of nurseries located in Alabama and Texas, as well as Louisiana. Well over 5,000 plants will be assembled ... some making their debut at Hilltop this year.

Landscape architects, contractors and designers, arborists, horticultural specialists, growers, plants men and women, Master Gardeners ... all will be on hand to help you with your plant selections. Plant display vignettes that bedazzle with color, or speak to those who want to go native or attract butterflies, will help you get growing and suggest just the right plant for your space.

The Hilltop Gift Shop and Yarden Sale will be joined by specialty plant and craft vendors in Vendor Village, located under the open-air pavilion, to meet all the needs of gardeners and their gardens. New this year, shoppers can enter the gate to the arboretum at Pecan Grove Court in Oak Hills Subdivision at 8:00 am to shop in Vendor Village before the plant sale begins in the nursery at 9:00am.

We offer both a tax and a membership incentive that add up to 20% in savings on plants purchased during the two days of the sale, 10% discount in the gift shop, and a free Hilltop t-shirt.

Check our website one week before the sale for a list of plants and specialty vendors offered at PlantFest!

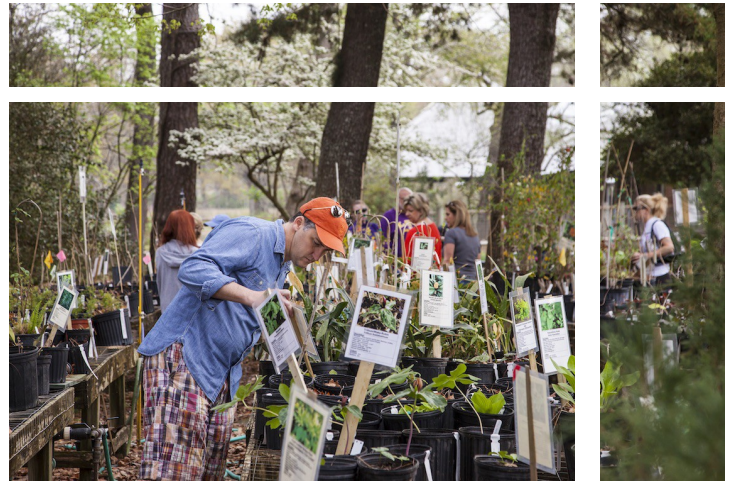
### We Need Help for PlantFest! Volunteer Online



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## Clean House! Support Hilltop!

Yes, you can! Did you know that 50% of the proceeds from the sale of items donated to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* can be directed to Friends of Hilltop?

All you have to do is bring your re-sale items to *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* at 10240 Burbank Drive and mention that you would like the proceeds to be directed to Hilltop at account number 640. When your donated items are sold, Hilltop will receive half the proceeds!

## Rentals at Hilltop: Wi-Fi with Wildlife

Do you want to:

- Get away from the office for a planning meeting?
- Be surrounded by beautiful nature instead of hotel corridors?
- Have an outdoor wedding?

Then, the LSU Hilltop Arboretum may be the venue for you. It is a tranquil landscape and ideal location for those who enjoy the beauty and serenity of nature. The Imo Brown Complex includes the following spaces:

- Cherry Owens Library – small meeting room.
- Margaret Holmes Brown Pavilion – a covered open-air space.
- Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium – a climate-controlled, multi-purpose space.
- Bert Turner Courtyard – a gathering space, connecting the pavilion to the auditorium.

Our award-winning facility was designed by Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio, Texas. Beautiful views of nature include a pond with a wooden boardwalk surrounded by Louisiana aquatic plantings, and a courtyard with pine-land savannah shrubs, wildflowers and trees.

Contact our Event Coordinator, Amy Hughes, if Hilltop is a venue to consider for your special event. She can answer any questions you may have about Hilltop's facility, and can assist you with planning your event and completing rental forms. Facility Rental Information can be found on our website.



### 2020 Symposium: Save The Date! Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach To Conservation That Starts In Your Yard

Sat, Jan 25, 2020, 8:15am – 1:00pm

Featuring: Douglas Tallamy

EBRP Main Branch Library Conference Room

Douglas W. Tallamy's first book, *Bringing Nature Home*, awakened thousands of readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives. In this new book and talk, Tallamy takes the next step and outlines his vision for grassroots approach to conservation. *Nature's Best Hope* shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. Because this approach relies on the initiatives of private individuals, it is immune from the whims of government policy. Even more important, it's practical, effective, and easy – you can walk away with specific suggestions you can incorporate into your own yard.

### Hummingbird Gardening Camp

Thanksgiving Break

Nov 25-26, 9am-1pm, 7-10 Year Olds

\$50 Members/\$85 Non-Members

Who doesn't enjoy watching Hummingbirds in a garden! Unfortunately, due to land development and climate change, hummingbird-friendly habitat may be changing across many hummingbird migration routes. Hummingbirds are likely to be present year-round in Baton Rouge, even in the winter! The children will learn how they can help Hummingbirds by creating a backyard habitat in which they can live and by becoming a Citizen Scientist.

Local Hummingbird enthusiasts will inspire the children and share their knowledge as they participate in hands-on activities. They will learn how to identify Hummingbirds, how they fly, what they need to eat, how they build their nests, how they raise their young, and ways to observe them in a garden.

Each child will receive a "Hummingbird To Go" kit with information and supplies they will need to attract Hummingbirds to their garden.



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## Julia Hawkins' 103 Jubilee Celebrated at Hilltop

On Feb. 9, Hilltop was the setting for a unique birthday party honoring Julia Hawkins, a longtime arboretum supporter. Over 400 family members and friends thronged Hilltop on Saturday morning ... gobbling up the 103 Taiwan cherry tree saplings (which sold in under an hour), many copies of Mrs. Hawkins' memoir, half a dozen king cakes and an oversized pink birthday cake decorated with cherry blossoms.

Julia was presented with a framed citation from the Mayor in recognition of the role she has played in the beautification of Highland Road. She "planted" a cherry tree near the cypress trees that had been planted six years ago in memory of her husband, Murray Hawkins, first Friends of Hilltop Arboretum Board President.

The three-hour party was a grand success from all points of view. Julia said, "Nothing could have topped it. It was the party to end all parties!" Her family expressed their appreciation to Hilltop for ordering the trees and allowing them to use the lovely Beverly Brown

Coates Auditorium for the event. And the arboretum came out over \$3,500 to the good by selling trees and books, and from donations to the newly established Julia Hawkins Beautification Fund.

However, the arboretum is now in search of more of the lovely flowering cherry trees for Julia's birthday next year. Both Hilltop and the Hawkins family hope the Cherry Tree Jubilee will become an annual event ... continuing to spread Julia Hawkins' love of nature



## 2020 NOLS Wilderness First Aid Training

Two Day Training: February 15 -16, 8am - 5pm

Course Pricing: \$260

Online Registration in October



If you plan to spend time in the backcountry, you need to be prepared. Fast paced and hands-on, this two-day course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel and work in the outdoors. This course is pre-approved by such organizations as the American Camping Association, the United States Forest Service, and other governmental agencies. Landmark Learning will provide instructors for the course.

The NOLS Wilderness First Aid course will help you prepare for the unexpected. The training is designed to meet the needs of trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals working in remote locations. It will introduce you to caring for people who become ill or injured far from definitive medical care.

## BE DIFFERENT, PAINT HILLTOP!

Paint, Socialize, and Enjoy  
Sun, October 20, 3-6 pm  
\$55 Members/\$65 Non-Members



Join Maria Boudreaux with Fleur de ME Designs' to paint, socialize and enjoy snacks at the arboretum in late October, one of the most beautiful times of the year at Hilltop. Each guest can choose from one of 5 textured canvases to paint scenes of the flora and fauna of Hilltop. Using a simple texture painting technique, the surface of your painting will appear detailed and realistic. Maria promises with even no painting experience, that you can create a work of art you would be proud to display in your home. Fleur de Me Designs' will furnish all of the supplies needed to produce a Hilltop work of art, while also raising money for the arboretum. You will be given individual instruction by a team of painters throughout the afternoon as you learn, paint, and enjoy. You may bring a bottle of wine to enjoy with friends!



## Creating Natural Landscapes:

Blending Environmental Science and Fine Garden Design  
Thursday, November 7, 2019  
Workshop: 8:00am – 3:00pm  
ULL's Cade Farm Welcome Center  
St. Martinville (45 Minute Drive)



**Program Fee:** \$70 Per Person (All Inclusive Including Lunch)  
**Registration Deadline:** October 31, 2019, Full Capacity 178

Learn how to develop a natural landscape like Hilltop's meadow!

The Louisiana Native Plant Society will hold a day-long workshop on *Creating Natural Landscapes: Blending Environmental Science and Fine Garden Design* featuring Dr. Charles Allen and Larry Weaner on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 8:00am – 3:00pm at the ULL Cade Farm Welcome Center. Creating natural landscapes workshop focuses on blending an ecological approach to land management with traditional garden design. This process begins with a general understanding of ecological concepts, natural plant communities, and how to manage landscapes by using the processes of natural succession. Learn how public perception plays a role in the interpretation, appearance, and development of the garden and its artistic style. Dr. Charles Allen is a Botanist and a retired Professor of Biology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and also retired from Colorado State University's Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands. Larry Weaner founded Larry Weaner Landscape Associates in 1982, combining expertise in horticulture, environmental science, and the traditions of garden design.

Project partners include the LSU Hilltop Arboretum, Acadiana Native Plant Project, Louisiana Nursery and Landscape Association, The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, and Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.



## In Memory of ...

### Dudley Coates

The Coates' commitment to Hilltop is a family affair. Cathy Coates, Beverly and Dudley's daughter, took the helm as President of the Friends shortly after I arrived at the arboretum as the new director in 2007. Beverly served as president of the Friends in the early days. Beverly and Dudley always believed in the bright future of the arboretum and wanted their family to be a part of it. Dudley, the late T. O. Perry, and Richard Lipsey, were instrumental in spearheading two successful fundraising campaigns to build our award-winning building complex designed by Lake|Flato of San Antonio, Texas. Dudley made it possible for the arboretum to continue to grow during his lifetime and in the future with a bequest. We are so grateful he believed in our work and its relevance to the Baton Rouge community. We will always remember his warm heart, his wonderful smile, and his giving nature.



### Mary Johnson

I met Mary for the first time on a Hilltop garden bus trip where she settled into her seat with a wicker basket that chirped! Throughout the trip, Mary sat quietly feeding a tiny bird she had rescued and was committed to nursing back to health. Mary made lasting friendships with the Hilltop family over the years through her appreciation of nature, wildlife, native gardening and life-long learning. As time went by, she became a member of the Friends Board of Directors and was a garden tour hostess for one of our spring tours. Her shade garden boasted an extensive collection of ferns and hostas which she passed along to Dr. Chris and Sharon Werner to live on in their "Mary Garden." Hilltop's birds also serve as a beautiful and a sweet reminder of Mary and her love for life and nature.



### Gail Evans

Gail was a talented musician and history buff. Her first introduction to Hilltop was the William Bartram Conference that the Friends co-sponsored in 2017. Shortly after, Gail became a regular, dedicated Hodge Podge volunteer, doing her part on Wednesday mornings from addressing envelopes to making the best snacks ever for the children attending summer camps. She was a delightful person with a sparking sense of humor we all miss. At the end of a day's work at Hilltop she would say, *"It's time for me to blow this pop stand. See you next week!"*



## WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING



Baton Rouge Camellia Society  
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Baton Rouge Orchid Society  
[www.batonrougeorchidsociety.com](http://www.batonrougeorchidsociety.com)

BREC's  
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 & Cohn Arboretum  
[www.brec.org](http://www.brec.org)

Capital Area Native Plant Society  
[www.canps.weebly.com](http://www.canps.weebly.com)

EBR Master Gardeners  
[www.ebrmg.com](http://www.ebrmg.com)


Friends of LSU AgCenter  
 Botanic Gardens at Burden  
[www.burdengardens.com](http://www.burdengardens.com)

Herb Society of Baton Rouge  
[www.hsabr.org](http://www.hsabr.org)

Louisiana Master Naturalist of GBR  
[www.lmngbr.org](http://www.lmngbr.org)

Louisiana Native Plant Society  
[www.lnps.org](http://www.lnps.org)

## Discover Nature Programs

 *Pay at the door*

Through a partnership with the Capital Area Native Plant Society (CANPS) and the Louisiana Master Naturalist of Greater Baton Rouge (LMNGBR), we are proud to offer an exciting series of "Discover Nature" programs that feature local experts who are in touch with nature and are eager to share their experiences. All programs will begin at 6:30pm in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium. For members of Hilltop, CANPS, and LMNGBR the fee is \$5 per program, \$10 for non-members. Pay at the door.

### **Paddle BR— Paddling Trails and Litter Clean-Up**

**Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm  
Featuring: Nathaniel Klumb**

Five years ago Paddle BR turned Bayou Fountain into Baton Rouge's first paddle trail. Two years ago, BREC's improved paddle launch at Highland Road Park made it easily accessible to everyone. This year, public access to Bayou Manchac and Alligator Bayou finally became available, and another BREC paddle launch is coming soon. It's time for a "State of the Bayou" presentation.

What wonderful waterways do we have for paddlers to enjoy? What are the current (and upcoming) launches and access points? What does it take to maintain the blueways? What would we do if we ever ran out of litter? Stories, photos, videos, maps, "souvenirs"... We'll have it all.

Nathaniel Klumb in "Chief Doer of Stuff" for PaddleBR (an unofficial title but better than his "real" one). His day job is as a bike-commuting programmer for the EBR School System, and when not there or on the bayous he is also a scuba instructor, hot air balloon crew person, CNC woodworker, and occasionally commercial drone pilot and photographer, among other things.

### **How to be a Citizen Scientist "Whatever your interest is, there's a citizen science for you"**

**Tuesday, October 22, 6:30pm  
Featuring Darcy Tatsch**

Citizen science is about creating research collaborations between scientists and volunteers. Citizen science allows people of all ages to participate in sound science, learn, and network with other like-minded individuals in their communities. We will discuss the many forms citizen science can take and how to get involved. Programs highlighted will include FrogWatch USA™, The Great Backyard Bird Count, and Monarch Watch. From birds, butterflies, and frogs, there's a citizen science for you!

Darcy Tatsch is the Volunteer Coordinator at BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo and has a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management.



# HILLTOP THANKS ONE AND ALL

## August 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

### Bequest

**\$100,000**

Dudley Coates

### New and Renewing Members

**Live Oak \$1,000**

Mark Boyer, Catherine Coates and Brian Hales, Teresa Rome, John Turner and Jerry Fischer, Elizabeth Thomas

**Cypress \$500-\$999**

Judy Bidner, Jane Honeycutt, Deb and Ken McMillin, Cynthia Moran

**Magnolia \$250-\$499**

Linda and Brian Babin, Anna and Scott Bardwell, Sue Bartlett, Jeanne Davis and Bob Carney, Devera and Jerry Goss, Katherine Inzer, Teresa Janezic, Ruth and Peter Kovacs, Susan and Richard Lipsey, Carol and Pete Newton, Judith Patrick, Terry Rehn, Pam and Gerry Sulzer, Janice and Cornell Tramontana, Denise Van Schoyck and Terry Tuminello, Juliana Viator, Sharon and Chris Werner

**Dogwood \$100-\$249**

Pat Adams, Ashley Albery, Pat Alford, John Amato, Bonnie and Richard Babin, Cynthia and Terry Boudreaux, Frances Boudreaux, Barbara and Roger Breedlove, Claudia Brian, Kenneth Burk, Helen Causey, Wendy and Jeff Carbo, Roy Coats, Jr., Mrs and Mr James Coleman, Vallan Corbett, Debbie Corbo, Maradee and Curtis Cryer, Jim Culpepper, Sally Daigle, Brenda Davis, Andy and Colette Dean, Emily and Al Delaney, Gina and Scott and Delaney, Michèle Deshotels and Gill Gautreau, Debbie and Julio Dumas, Anne Dunn, Edwin Durabb, Pamela Farris, Candace and David Gary, Cindy and John Hartgerink, Kerry Hawkins, Holley Haymaker, Ava and Cordell Haymon, Garrett Hill, Melanie Hirschfeld, Janet and Kenneth Hogstrom, Pat Hollowell, John Hough, Amy and Richard Hughes, Michael Jimenez, Kellie Jolivet and Edward Prawitz, LaRue Jolly, Anne Reiley Jones, Judy and Stephen Jones, Anne Laville, Diane Leche, Brenda and Philip and Legendre, Anne and Walter Legett, Laura L'Herisson, Susan Lindig, Renee and Paul Major, Maureen and Sean McGlynn, Linda Medine, Patsy and Chip Metz, Penny Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Montalbano, Beth and Dave Morgan, Barbara Nelson, Brandon Parlange (in honor of Randy Harelson), June Peay, Harriett Pooler, Rose Marie and Jimmie Powell, Doug Reed, Jill Rehn, Ann and Michael Ruth, Sarah Schoeffler, Roby Shields, Mary and Charles Steele, Cheryl and Wayne Stromeier, Carolyn Stutts, Elizabeth Thomas, John Thomas, Cathy and Alan Troy, Sandra Volden, Christina Watts, Donna Welch, James Wilkins, Kenneth Williams, Ken Wilson, Martha Yancey

**Redbud \$75-\$99**

B.J. and Paul Arceneaux, Mindy and Greg LaCour

### **Azalea \$50-\$74**

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### **Violet \$35-\$49**

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*For Liz Barbay:* Helen Levy

*For Mary Johnson:* Randy Harelson

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HILLTOP CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

Tues, Sept 24, 6:30pm  
**Paddle BR**  
Featuring: Nathaniel Klumb

Sun, Sept 29, 1-4pm  
**PlantFest! Teaser**  
Featuring: Brian Sean Early

### NOVEMBER

Thurs, Nov 7, 8:00am-3:00pm  
**Creating Natural Landscapes:**  
*Blending Environmental Science and  
Fine Garden Design*  
Martinville, LA

Mon, Nov 25 - Tues, Nov 26  
**Hummingbird Gardening Camp**  
9am-1pm

### JANUARY

Tues, Jan 28, 6:30pm  
**Honeybee Research**  
Featuring: Dr. Frank Rinkevich

Sat, Jan 25, 8:15am – 1:00pm  
**2020 Symposium**  
*Nature's Best Hope: A New Ap-  
proach to Conservation That Starts  
in Your Yard*  
Featuring: Douglas Tallamy

### OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 5 – Sun, Oct 6  
**PlantFest!**

Sun, Oct 20, 3-6pm  
**Be Different, Paint Hilltop!**  
Featuring: Maria Boudreaux

Tues, Oct 22, 6:30pm  
**How to be a Citizen Scientist**  
Featuring: Darcy Tatsch

### DECEMBER

Tues, Dec 3, 12noon  
**Annual Meeting**

Tues, Dec 7, 9am-2pm  
**Year End Plant Sale**

### FEBRUARY

Sat, Feb 15 – Sun, Feb 16  
**NOLS Wilderness  
First Aid Training**